

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Bryan M. Gallo on 11/01/2010.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below.

The application has been amended as follows:

a. Claims 15, 17-19, and 23-25 are cancelled.

b. Claim 16 has been amended as follows:

~~"A method for producing concrete elements, particularly concrete slabs, wherein a semi-finished concrete product produced according to the method of one of Claims 1-2 is additionally processed, namely with the steps that at least one additional concrete layer is applied onto the semi-finished product, wherein an uppermost concrete layer then forms an upper side of the finished concrete element, preferably a finished concrete plate."~~ "The method according to one of claims 1-2, wherein the method further comprises forming an upper most concrete layer on an upper side of the finished element."

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-12, 14, 16, and 26 are allowed. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art, considered individually and in combination, fail to teach a method for producing a concrete element comprising pressing modules comprising a plurality of adjacent arranged displacers, the displacers comprising one of plastic balls or plastic shells, into the semi-set second layer, wherein

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the plurality of adjacently arranged displacers is respectively arranged in a lattice work of rods allowing the first and second concrete masses to set and removing the resulting semi-finished product from the formwork, wherein the lattice-work is open toward one side, the one side being downward, wherein lattices of the lattice-work that are situated adjacent to this open side are inclined relative to a lattice of the lattice-work that is situated opposite of this open side by an angle of approximately 90° to 120° , and wherein the modules are produced by caging the displacers (120, 340, 440, 540) in the lattice-work (230, 330, 430, 530), such that at least part of the lattices extend beyond the displacers on the downward side of the lattice-work.

References of Interest

4. Carl (US 4495744) and Breuing (WO 94-29541) are references of interest with regards to the claimed subject matter.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SAEED M. HUDA whose telephone number is 571.270.5514. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 - 5:30.

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